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Legislative Council Question

Administration of the Women and Children Hospital, Mangalore - Alleged undue interference by the Govt-o

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(Council Section)
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Starred Question

Mr.J.A. Saldanha

THE EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

*9. Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state:-

(a) what the status of the Women and Children Hospital at Mangalore is under the Civil Medical Code;

(b) what has been the relationship under the same Code or usage ~~under~~ in regard to the administration, management, control and supervision, between the Lady Assistant Surgeon in charge of the Hospital and the District Medical Officers since the hospital came into existence as a first class one among ~~Female Dispensaries~~ Hospitals for women;

(c) whether the Government and the Surgeon General are aware of any grievance on the score of undue interference on the part of the D.M.O. with the Lady Assistant Surgeon's functions of administration ~~on the D.M.O's part~~ during the last five years;

(d)(1) what the rules ~~are~~ or usage is as to the functions and duties of the Hony. Physicians in the hospital and the powers of interference with ~~his~~ functions on the part of the D.M.O; and

(2) whether there have been representations before the Government and Surgeon General on the score of the D.M.O's undue interference with ~~his~~ functions; and

(c) what action the Government have taken on enquiry & finding the facts to redress the alleged grievances under clauses (c) and (d)?

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Sectt.of the Madras Legislature, Council Section.

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Draft Answer.

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Starred Question.

Mr.J.A.Saldanha

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(a) what the status of the Women and Children Hospital at Mangalore is under the Civil Medical Code;

(a) According to the classification of hospitals and dispensaries given in para 412 of the Civil Medical Code, the Lady Goschen Hospital at Mangalore falls under Class I, State - Public.

(b) what has been the relationship under the same code or usage in regard to the administration, management and control and supervision, between the Lady Asst.Surgeon in charge of the hospital and the Dt.Medical Officers since the hospital came into existence as a first class one among Hospitals for Women;

(b) Under para 199 of the Civil Medical Code, the D.M.Os have direct control of all Govt.medical institutions established at their headquarters. The hospital has accordingly been under the control of the D.M.O. South Kanara since it came into existence.

(c) whether the Govt. and the Surgeon-General are aware of any grievance on the score of undue interference on the part of the D.M.O. with the Lady Asst. Surgeon's functions of administration during the last five years;

(c) When Mrs.Wright was the Woman Asst. surgeon in the hospital, the relationship between her and the D.M.O was reported to be not cordial. The situation came to an end with the transfer of the Woman Asst.Surgeon from the hospital.

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(d)(1) Under the rules relating to the appointment of honorary medical officers the D.M.O. who is also the Supdt of the headquarters hospital should assign the duties to be performed by the honorary medical officer and exercise a general supervision over the work of the honorary men and submit a confidential report on the officer's work. The honorary medical officer should perform the duties assigned to him by the Supdt of the hospital and bring to his notice all instances of neglect, inattention or breaches of discipline relating to his ward. Otherwise he is entirely responsible for the treatment and care of patients in his charge.

(2) whether there have been representations before the Govt. and Surgeon-General on the score of the D.M.O's undue interference with their functions and.

(2) There has been one such representation. The matter is under investigation.

(e) what action the Govt. have taken to redress the alleged grievances under clauses (c) and (d) ?

(e) The Govt. will issue the necessary instructions to the D.M.O. if the are satisfied that there had been undue interference on the part of the D.M.O.

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MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTION NO.(Starred).

Mr. J. A. Saldanha.

Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Public Health pleased to state --

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(b) what has been the relationship under the same code or usage in regard to the administration, management and control and supervision, between the Lady Assistant Surgeon in charge of the hospital and the District Medical Officers since the hospital came into existence as a first class one among Hospitals for women;

(c) whether the Government and the Surgeon-General are aware of any grievance on the score of undue interference on the part of the District Medical Officer with the Lady Assistant Surgeon's functions of administration during the last five years;

(d)(1) what the rules or usage is as to the functions and duties of the Honorary physicians in the hospital and the powers of interference with their functions on the part of the District Medical Officer; and

(2) whether there have been representations before the Government and Surgeon-General on the score of the District's undue interference with their functions; and action the Government have taken to redress the

Class I, State - Public.

(b) Under paragraph 199 of the Civil Medical Code, the District Medical Officers have direct control of all Government medical institutions established at their head-quarters. The hospital has accordingly been under the control of the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, since it came into existence.

(c) When Mrs. Wright was the Woman Assistant Surgeon in the hospital, the relationship between her and the District Medical Officer was reported to be not cordial. The situation came to an end with the transfer of the Woman Assistant Surgeon from the hospital.

(d)(1) Under the rules relating to the appointment of honorary medical officers the District Medical Officer who is also the Superintendent of the headquarters hospital should assign the duties to be performed by the honorary medical officer and exercise a general supervision over the work of the honorary men and submit a confidential report on the officer's work. The honorary medical officer should perform the duties assigned to him by the Superintendent of the hospital and bring to his notice all instances of neglect, inattention or breaches of discipline relating to his ward. Otherwise he is entirely responsible for the treatment and care of patients in his charge.

(2) There has been one such representation. The matter is under investigation.

(e) The Government will issue the necessary instructions to the District Medical Officer if they are satisfied that there ~~was~~

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had been undue interference on the part of the District Medical Officer.

C. H. Masterman,
Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George,
Dated 16th March 1938.

To the Secretary to the Madras Legislature (Council section).

(The above answer has been approved by the Hon'ble Dr. T.S.S. Rajan).

Forwarded
(By Order)

K. S. Krishnaswami
Superintendent.

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Status of Women and Children Hospital at Mangalore and limits of control of the District Medical Officer over the subordinate medical officers working in the hospital.

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* 60 *Q.*—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

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(*b*) what has been the relationship under the same Code or usage in regard to the administration, management, control and supervision, between the Lady Assistant Surgeon in charge of the hospital and the District Medical Officers since the hospital came into existence as a first class one among hospitals for women;

(*c*) whether the Government and the Surgeon-General are aware of any grievance on the score of undue interference on the part of the District Medical Officer with the Lady Assistant Surgeon's functions of administration during the last five years;

(*d*) (1) what the rules or usage is as to the functions and duties of the Honorary Physicians in the hospital and the powers of interference with their functions on the part of the District Medical Officer; and

(2) whether there have been representations before the Government and Surgeon-General on the score of the District Medical Officer's undue interference with their functions; and

(*e*) what action the Government have taken to redress the alleged grievances under clauses (*c*) and (*d*)?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"(*a*) According to the classification of hospitals and dispensaries given in paragraph 412 of the Civil Medical Code, the Lady Goschen Hospital at Mangalore falls under Class, I, State Public.

"(*b*) Under paragraph 199 of the Civil Medical Code, the District Medical Officers have direct control of all Government medical institutions established at their headquarters. The hospital has accordingly been under the control of the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, since it came into existence.

'(*c*) When Mrs. Wright was the Woman Assistant Surgeon in the hospital, the relationship between her and the District Medical Officer was reported to be not cordial. The situation came to an end with the transfer of the Woman Assistant Surgeon from the hospital.

'(*d*) (1) Under the rules relating to the appointment of honorary medical officers the District Medical Officer who is also the Superintendent of the headquarters hospital should assign the duties to be performed by the honorary medical officer and exercise a general supervision over the work of the honorary men and submit a confidential report on the officer's work. The honorary medical officer should perform the duties assigned to him by the Superintendent of the hospital and bring to his notice all instances of neglect, inattention or breaches of discipline relating to his ward. Otherwise he is entirely responsible for the treatment and care of patients under his charge.

(2) There has been one such representation. The matter is under investigation.

"(*e*) The Government will issue the necessary instructions to the District Medical Officer if they are satisfied that there had been undue interference on the part of the District Medical Officer."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I enquire, with reference to the last clause of the answer, whether the honorary physician and surgeon of the maternity hospital has resigned his appointment, and if so, on what grounds and what action has been taken by the Government thereon?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"The Government have received information that he has resigned. The whole question is under consideration."

Legis. Council No. 3—206 -23 3-37.

SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE.

Fort St. George, dated the 27 Oct *193*7.

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QUESTION No. 9 for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 193 .

Two copies of this question are forwarded to the E & P.H. Department.

The question has been admitted.

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To

The E & P.H. Department.

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The question is Starred.

A draft Memo. to the S.G. is put up below for approval.

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GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT.

U.O.NOTE NO. 1712-4 DATED 29/10/37

Subject:- LEGISLATIVE ~~ASSEMBLY~~ COUNCIL QUESTION No. 26774

Administration of the Women & Children Hospital, Mangalore. Alleged undue interference by the D.M.O.

The Education & Public Health Department may be informed that% under Secretariat Instruction 6(23) His Excellency the Governor desires that the file relating to the question referred to above be circulated to him before the answer ~~are~~ is sent to the Legislative ~~Assembly Secretariat~~ Council Section.

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L.C.Qn.No.9 (Starred) by Mr.J.A. Saldanna. - Women and Children Hospital, Mangalore - alleged interference by the D.M.O.

The various clauses of the question are briefly noted on below:-

Clause (a).- In para 412 of the Civil Medical Code, Hospitals and dispensaries are classified as shown below:-

I. State - Public

II State- Special
i. Police
ii. Forests & Surveys.
ii. Canals.
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III. Local Fund

IV. Private - Aided

V. Private - Non-aided.

VI. Railways.

VII. Subsidised Rural Dispensari

The Lady Goschen Hospital at Mangalore falls under class I (State - Public).

Clause (b.).-

Under para 199 of the Civil Medical Code, the D.M.O. ~~should~~ have direct control of all Govt. medical institutions established at their headquarters. The fact that the Women and Children Hospital, Mangalore is separated from the main (Headquarters) hospital does not alter the position. The hospital has been under the control and supervision of the D.M.O. S. Kamana who is also the Supdt of the Headquarters Hospital.

Clause (c). In 1937 when reporting to the S.G. about certain matters in connection with the administration of the Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore, the D.M.O. S. Kanara reported ~~to the S.G.~~ about the causes of friction between himself and Mrs.G.E. Wright, the Woman Assistant Surgeon in the hospital. With reference to a telegram received against the D.M.O. the Collector of S. Kanara was asked by the S.G. to enquire into the matter and he reported that there was a lack of understanding between the ~~Medical~~ D.M.O. and the Woman Asst. Surgeon. The Woman Asst.Surgeon was eventually transferred from the hospital on account of a complaint received against her.

vide answer to clause (b) on pp 5-6 of G.O. 3114 dt. 17-11-37

vide answer to clause (a) at pp 4 (c)

Clause (d)(1). The duties of honorary medical officers are laid down in rule 11 of the rules relating to the appointment of honorary medical officers appended to G.O. No.3600 P.H. dated 23-12-37. The D.M.O.(who is also the Superintendent of the headquarters hospital)should assign the duties to be performed by the honorary medical officer in the hospital ~~and~~ fix the hours of his attendance in and arrange for carrying on the work of the honorary officer during the absence ~~of the honorary medical officer~~. He should also exercise a general supervision over the work of the honorary medical officer and submit to the S.G. a confidential report on the honorary officer. Honorary medical officers should perform the duties assigned to them by the D.M.O. and should bring to the notice of the D.M.O. all instances of neglect or inattention or other breaches of discipline relating to their wards. Otherwise they will be entirely responsible

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for the treatment and care of patients in their charge.

(c) The Honorary Physician in charge of the Maternity Section in the Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore, D.M. Shiva Rao complained that the D.M.O. S.Kanara was unnecessarily interfering with his duties especially in regard to the discharge of patients in his ward. The S.G. has been asked to make the necessary enquiries in the matter and submit a report. He has promised to do so after visiting Mangalore next month.

2 The remarks of the S.G. may be invited u.o. especially with reference to clause (c) of the question.

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S.G.'s U.O.No. 1780-1 E. Surgeon-General's Office,

7 - MAR 1938

Madras, 7th March 1938.

U.O. reply.

Legislative Council Question No. 9 relating to the Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore.

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pop 3-5 ante Ref:- Government U.O. No. 20492-1-D2 dated 23-2-38.

The position stated in the Government note with regard to clause (c) of the Legislative Council Question No. 9 is correct.

During the last 5 years the following three women Medical Officers Miss M.P. Chacko, L.M.S., Mrs. G.E. Wright, M.B.B.S. ~~Mrs. [illegible] M.B.B.S.~~, and Mrs. Kamalamma Chokkalingam M.B.B.S. were in charge of the Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore. Only during the time of Mrs. Wright the relationship between the District Medical Officer, South Kanara and the woman assistant surgeon, The Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore, was reported to be not cordial and there was a thorough lack of understanding between them. This situation came to an end with the transfer of the woman assistant surgeon Mrs. Wright from the Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore.

The Government U.O. Note is herewith returned.

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Personal Assistant
for Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

To

The Secy., to Govt.,
E. & P.H. Dept., u.o.

Edn & P. H. Dept.

M Please see this departments note on pp 3-5 ante and the Surgeon General's W.O. reply on p 6 ante.

A draft answer is submitted for approval. It may be circulated to Hon. M P.H. and H.E.

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A printed copy of the question and answers ~~from the legislative Council Proceedings~~ has been added to the file = vide page 8 cf.

With reference to the Supplementary question by Mr. J. A. Saldanha and the answer of H M.P.H. thereto, it is submitted that the Surgeon General has reported in this file regarding

the resignation of the Hony Physician, and the complaint against the D.H.O. S. Kanara, that he would visit Mangalore and then submit his report to Government. ~~The file is separately under consideration.~~ ~~The Surgeon General~~ He has not yet submitted his report ~~so far and~~ the was last reminded ~~on this question~~ on 12.5.1938.

No further action is called for in this file. The papers may be ~~Ordered~~ Recorded.

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Legislative Council Question - Admn of the Women and Children Hospl, Mangalore - Alleged undue interference by the DHO. - Papers Recorded -

Paper placed on the table.

(Vide answer to question No. 71.)

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NAMES OF THE MEDICAL AND NURSING STAFF OF THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN HOSPITAL, MANGALORE, THE DATES OF THEIR TRANSFER, TAKING CHARGE, ETC.

(*a*) (*i*) & (*ii*) *Names of the medical nursing staff during the one year ending on 30th September* 1937, *the date of their transfer, and taking charge.*

	Date of transfer.	Date of taking charge.
	Medical staff.	
Mrs. G. E. Wright, M.B.B.S., Woman Assistant Surgeon.	26th June 1937 ..	....
Mrs. K. Chokkalingam, L.M.S., Woman Assistant Surgeon.	....	26th June 1937.
Mrs. S. Thomas, Woman Sub-Assistant Surgeon.	....	....
	Nursing staff.	
Mrs. R. Mathai, staff nurse ..	16th March 1937 ..	....
Mrs. L D'Sousa	9th May 1937 (resignation).	....
Miss L. Cœlho	10th June 1937 ..	....
Miss L. D'Rosario	....	5th December 1937.
Mrs. H. S. Gallyot	....	6th August 1937.
Miss E. Shantappa	....	24th August 1937.

(*iii*) & (*iv*) *Name of the member of the medical staff whose transfer was ordered but the order was subsequently cancelled and the reasons for such cancellation.*—The transfer of Mrs. S. Thomas, Woman Sub-Assistant Surgeon, was ordered by the Surgeon-General on 27th May 1937. The order was cancelled by him on 22nd June 1937 as a mahazar from the public of Mangalore protesting against the transfer was received and the District Medical Officer also recommended the continuance of the Woman Sub-Assistant Surgeon and certified that her work was satisfactory

(*b*) *Complaint received against members of the medical staff and orders passed by the Surgeon-General thereon.*—A number of complaints were received against the honorary physician of the hospital and they are under the consideration of the Surgeon-General. A complaint was received against Mrs. Wright, Woman Assistant Surgeon, and this necessitated her transfer. With reference to a complaint received from the nursing staff of the hospital, the transfer of Mrs. Thomas, Woman Sub-Assistant Surgeon, was ordered ; but the order was subsequently withdrawn for the reasons stated above.

C. H. MASTERMAN—29-1-38.